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TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN BID FOR VIENNA AS CONFERENCE OF 27 SITE

REF: STATE 228385 (NOT SENT STOCKHOLM)

1. STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY IN CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S OFFICE PASSED ME A MESSAGE FROM KREISKY SEPTEMBER 24 WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON.

2. VESELSKY SAID KREISKY HAD DECIDED TO OFFER VIENNA AS SITE OF THE CONFERENCE OF 27. THE AUSTRIANS DID NOT INTEND TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN FOR VIENNA. THEY WOULD MAKE INTERESTED PARTIES AWARE THAT VIENNA WAS AVAILABLE IF A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN SUPPORT OF HOLDING THE MEETING HERE. AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE ADVISING INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT DAYS, AND KREISKY WISHED THE U. S. TO BE INFORMED FROM THE START.

3. VESELSKY SAID HE THOUGHT VIENNA'S CHANCES OF GETTING THE MEETING WERE GOOD. PARIS AND GENEVA WERE ALTERNATIVES, BUT PARIS WAS NOT NEUTRAL, AND VESELSKY THOUGHT VIENNA WOULD HAVE BROADER SUPPORT THAN GENEVA. THE FACT THAT OPEC WAS ALREADY HERE MIGHT STRENGTHEN VIENNA'S BID.

4. VESELSKY ADDED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO CHAIR THE MINISTERIAL. AUSTRIA MET THE CRITERIA OF AN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY, NEUTRAL, AND A MEMBER OF THE OECD. THE AUSTRIANS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT PUSHING THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP. THEIR INTEREST IN HAVING VIENNA AS THE SITE WAS BY FAR THE MORE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR THEM.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE VESELSKY'S DISCLAIMER, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THE AUSTRIANS WILL BE LOBBYING TO GET THE MINISTERIAL IN VIENNA. KREISKY'S PURPOSE OF PROMOTING VIENNA AS SITE OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ADVANCED, AS WELL AS THE AUSTRIAN IMAGE AS NEUTRAL MEDIATOR. VESELSKY REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS CONVICTION (WHICH IS PRESUMABLY KREISKY'S ALSO) THAT THE DIALOGUE "MUST CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCCEED." A SUCCESSFUL MEETING WOULD REDOUND TO AUSTRIAN ADVANTAGE AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN KREISKY'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. BUCHANAN

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